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Thanks

... To those who supported our Zone Athletics Team this week.

... To Clive for work extending car parking areas on the road adjoining the school.

... To those who have advised of children who will be attending / not attending Matarau School in 2016.

People of the week

... Those who achieved placings and personal bests at this week's Zone Athletics.

Eve, 3rd in the Primary Girls Tennis Tournament last week.

Term calendar *(We will advise further dates as these come to hand)*

20-22 November	Whanau weekend at Te Hapua Marae
23 November	Home garden diaries due
23 November	Art portfolios due
24 November	Year 4 to 6 Interschool Athletics (pp 26.11)
28 November	Home garden judging
1 December	Year 7 and 8 Interschool Athletics (pp 4.12)
2 December	Parent Helpers BoT Morning Tea
3 December	School Team Athletics Day
8 December	School prize-giving (6:30pm)
9 December	2016 class lists on display (hall notice board)
11 December	Reports issued / Final assembly (2:30pm)
14 December	Final school day 2015

... start date for 2016 will be Tuesday 2nd February

Virtue - Term 4

Please continue your good work at home on the RESPECT virtue and keep us informed of any special developments so we can celebrate these together.

Class Placements 2016

Teachers will soon be giving consideration to class placements for 2016.

The final decisions must ultimately be made by the school but we can throw parent requests / suggestions of a **general nature** into the mix (no guarantees). If there is something you would like us to consider please give Kevin a call, drop by, or flick him an email on principal@matarau.school.nz. Where a parental request is not met, that parent will be advised the reasons why in due course.

If your child(ren) will not be at Matarau school next year, and you have not already done so, please let us know as soon as possible.

Year 4-6 and Year 7 and 8 Interschool Athletics Competitions

Children who qualified for the above events at the Zone Athletics (Poroti School) will receive consent forms shortly. Please get these back to school by next Friday at the latest.

The Year 4 to 6 tournament is scheduled for 24 November, and the Year 7 and 8 tournament for 1 December .. both at Whangarei Athletics Track.

Arrival time at school

A gentle reminder that children are not to be dropped at school before 8:00am in the morning please as they cannot be supervised before this time. We have had some children dropped on the school site as early as 7:45 some mornings.

Cambridge Pathways ... Important message for parents of Year 6 and 7 students

Pathway recommendations have been completed ... interested parents are invited to make an appointment with their child's teacher if they would like to discuss their child's recommended pathway.

In brief from last week

... **Please send school cups back to school next week ... we are on the countdown to prizegiving**
... Result sheets for the International Schools Competitions were sent home to parents this week.
Participation certificates will be given out at a forthcoming assembly, placement certificates (and cups) will be awarded at prizegiving.

Leaving Books

You may be aware that it is a Matarau tradition for the Board of Trustees to present all Year 8 students with a leaving book. Next week our Year 8 students will receive a book voucher to put towards a book of their choice. Thank you (in anticipation) parents for assisting in the purchase of a suitable book. The vouchers are redeemable at most book stores. Books are to be returned to school by 1 December please to be officially presented at prizegiving.

Parent Helpers' Morning Tea

Parents who have assisted the school in any way whatsoever this year are invited to a Parent Helpers' Morning Tea in the school hall starting 10:30 am Wednesday 2nd December. This is our chance to say thank you for the contributions you have made to the school over 2015.
So .. whether you have helped in classrooms, the library, camps, day trips,.. whatever .. please join us if you can. If you think you will be at this morning tea can you please advise Helen next week to assist us with catering.

Hospice Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who pre-ordered today for the muffins and/or sausages on Friday. Eve & Connan will arrange deliveries on Tuesday to classrooms.

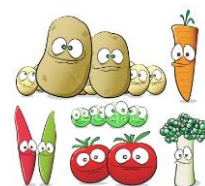
Year 8 students

... Parents of year 8 children who have not yet enrolled in their preferred secondary school are asked to make contact with this school at their nearest convenience.

Home Garden

Home Garden permission letters for judging were given to students during week 4. Please ensure these are returned as soon as possible. Copies may be collected from the office. Home garden diaries need to be handed in before 3:00pm Monday 23rd November. Please note that properties will not be visited where a consent has not been returned. A balloon (or similar) at the end of the driveway is really helpful for the judges. All dogs to be tied up please.

Home Garden Judging Criteria ... is as follows ...



Criteria	Points	Criteria	Points
Diary	6	Health of Plants	4
Layout (incl thinning, spacing and staking)	4	Varieties of Plants	4
Pest Control	4	Creativity / originality	4
Weed Control	4		30

Marae Trip

Please see details of the trip on the Matarau Whanau Page under events. Powhiri will begin at 5:30pm. The first meal needs to be prepared items that can be eaten cold. Sue Abbott will deliver this to the marae at 4:30pm. Contact Sue at sabbott@matarau.school.nz or via message on facebook for an appropriate top to drop off the meals. All other food items for the weekend can be transported by each whanau attending. There are a very limited numbers of places still available.



Art Scholarship (Years 4 to 8)

Art portfolios are due to the school office by 3:30pm Monday 23 November. Please let us know where we can help.

School contributions / Activity Fees

Payment requests for the above were sent out this week ... and for any other outstanding fees. If you have any questions about these please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Term Headlice Inspection

Parents are asked to check their children's hair weekly please so that we stay on top of this problem.

Finally

Joke from Isabell in room 6 "What did the lamb say when it got its head caught in the fence? ... that is a baaaaad idea!

Joke from Dylan in room 6 "How do you know when the wall is laughing? ... when it's cracking up!

Regards

Kevin Trehwella
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Community Notices

Active Attitude Gymnasium and Youth Activity Centre - Open Day Sunday 15th November at 9 Commerce Street from 11:30am – 4:30pm. Children of all ages come and give gymnastics a go, meet our friendly coaches and view our gymnasium. There will be gymnast display demonstrations, spot prizes and lots of fun and fitness.

Wanted to Rent - 2-3bed Matarau and area, consider Kamo or Hikurangi. Around \$300 pw. Pref in early feb. But negotiable. Professional single mum with 3 kids. Ph Tina 022 630 0994 or katelynsway@hotmail.com

For Rent – Cosy country cottage in Ruatangata. 2 bedroom, can be part furnished. \$220 pw inc power. Ph Jenny 027 325 8617

Halberg Disability Sport Foundation – Water Sports Day Saturday 21 November. Kowharewa Bay – Paddle Boarding, Waka Ama, Rowing; Sandy Bay – Surfing, Boogie Boarding; Phone 021 995 951.

Tennis Club AGM - Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of The Matarau Tennis Club Inc will be held on Monday 7 December, 6.00pm in the Comrie Park Kindergarten

U13 (Year 7&8) Development Camp with 2012 Olympian & BlackStick Alana Millington Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd November 2015 8.30am - 3.00pm daily \$40.00 per child (for both days) – players may attend 1 day please email us! Field Players and Goalkeepers of all levels **To register:** <https://goo.gl/mXU7hc>

MYmovement is running an open day on the Sunday 29th of November – 151 Dent Street, Whangarei. Come along & find out what MyMovement have to offer, \$2 for 20 minute MyBounce session, have a go on the Tumble & Trampoline Air Track, performances by the Fantasy Cheerleaders.

Hopscotch For Kids After School Care

Based at Kensington Park, we transport kids to our centre after school. Daily activities for term 4 - tee ball, mini games, soccer, cooking and basketball. Open until 5.45pm. WINZ subsidies for those who qualify. For more info or to enrol, contact Abbey 0212372598 or email - hello@hopscotchforkids.co.nz

**Awesome effort from the
year 4 -8s at
Poroti Athletics Day this week.**

Results to follow next week.